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KENTUCKY RECYCLING INTEREST GROUP

The Kentucky Recycling Interest Group (KRIG) is expanding into a much larger association to represent statewide recycling interests on all levels. The initial meeting will be held Feb. 7, 2008, at General Butler State Resort Park. Participants will lay groundwork for the formation and continuance of the association by developing goals and objectives with measurable outcomes. We will also develop core teams including a steering committee and a board. Save the date!

OFFICE DEPOT E-SCRAP RECYCLING

Office Depot recently began a simple and relatively cheap e-scrap (electronic-scrap) recycling program. The program operates by the customer getting a Tech Recycling box at one of the stores. The boxes come in three sizes and prices: small - \$5, medium - \$10 and large - \$15, including shipping and handling. The box can be filled with as many acceptable e-scrap items as will fit and returned to the store. Consumers can recycle all sorts of e-scrap from digital cameras, small televisions, computers, VCRs, printers, keyboards, cell phones, DVD players including cords and cables. Several items are not accepted such as cracked monitors, and appliances such as toasters or those containing Freon or radioactive materials.

PET RECYCLING

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers recovered for recycling increased again in 2006. The recycling rate for 2006 was 23.5 percent compared to 23.1 percent in 2005, both woefully short of the 39.7 percent rate recorded in 1995. Part of the problem is the explosive growth of plastic bottles during the last decade for tea, water, sports drinks, etc. In 1995, 1,950 million pounds of bottles were generated, and 2006 levels shot up to 5,424 million pounds of bottles. Current uses for recovered PET include fiber products such as carpet and clothing (4 percent), strapping (15 percent) and food and beverage bottles (16 percent).

RECYCLING BOOKS

Books have often been relegated to the trash rather than recycled. The covers, binding and glue have traditionally been the drawback to recycling books resulting in few or no recycling outlets for them. That is changing because of the strong demand for recovered paper in the United States and overseas.

Caraustar Recovered Fiber Group, Austell, Ga., is collecting a variety of books from all over the country, including soft and hardcover books and phone books. The books are purchased from waste paper packers, textbook recyclers, printers, publishers, libraries, schools and municipal recycling centers. The typical shipment is close to 40,000 pounds of loose books in Gaylord boxes or stretch-wrapped on pallets. In some cases, books must be certified that they will be destroyed, so Caraustar offers certificates of destruction to printers and publishers. Visit www.Caraustar.com for more information.

2008 AF&PA RECYCLING AWARDS

The American Forest and Paper Association is offering recycling awards for businesses, communities, schools and university recycling programs. Entries are due by Jan. 31, 2008. Visit www.paperrecycles.org to find out more.

Visit the Division of Waste Management Web Site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov>

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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts.

Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	\$ per ton	<i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From Nov. 3, Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.</i>	<u>Previous month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Mixed Paper	80-85		80-85	45-50
Sorted Office	165-175		175-185	115-125
Newsprint #6	70-75		70-75	45-50
Newsprint #8	90-100		90-100	80-85
Sorted White Ledger	290-300		270-280	195-205
Corrugated Containers	100-110		105-115	55-60
Plastics	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Nov. 8-9. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>		
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles)	16	clear and green (mixed)	16	10
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2	36	natural	36	28
Glass	<u>\$ per ton</u>	<i>From Nov. 8, Waste News, average for truckload quantities, delivered to end-user, Chicago market.</i>		
Clear	28		28	29
Amber	16		16	17
Green	8		8	8
Metals	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Nov. 8.</i>		
Aluminum Cans	83	densified, baled truckload, picked up	77	89
	<u>\$ per gross ton</u>	<i>Steel cans from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Nov. 8-9, 2007. Baled, FOB seller's dock.</i>		
Steel Cans	142	Clean, used densified cans	151	N/A